

Weekly Status & Information Report: July 9 - 13, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of July 16, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, July 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium (closed session vote at 6 p.m.)
 - Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, July 17, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - City Council special meeting to receive the certified results of the election, Wednesday, July 18, 7 p.m. in the Auditorium
- All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. (City Clerk)

2. Ward 5 Special Election News:

- Ward 5 voters are reminded that the polls will be open on Tuesday, July 17, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wilkinson Hall, Washington Adventist University, 7600 Flower Avenue. After the polls close, the ballots will be returned to the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium for counting. Unofficial election results will be posted at www.takomaparkmd.gov once the count is completed.
- Voters may apply for and vote by absentee ballot at the City Clerk's Office (at 7500 Maple Avenue) on Monday, July 16, between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- Voters who have questions about the election, how to vote by absentee ballot, or anything else may contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or JessieC@takomagov.org. (City Clerk)

3. Candidates Forum: The Ward 5 Candidates Forum was held on Thursday, July 12. The session was taped and will run on City TV at 10 p.m. on Friday (today) and at 10:15 a.m. and 5:35 p.m. on Saturday. It should be available on the website Friday evening. A link to the online video will be posted at www.takomaparkmd.gov. (City Clerk)

4. Scribblers Cabal: Tomorrow, Saturday July 14, Dave Burbank returns with his popular Scribblers Cabal from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is an informal program of drawing for kids - designed to inspire creativity and fun. No registration necessary. (Library)

5. Morning/Afternoon Addition Program - Registration opens Monday, July 16: On Monday, July 16 the Recreation Department will open its registration for its Morning/Afternoon Addition Program for the 2012-2013 school year. The Morning/Afternoon Addition Program is designed to provide before and after school recreational activities for children enrolled in Kindergarten through sixth grade, ages 5 through 12 years. Through structured activities and free choice of activities, there are opportunities for socializing, unwinding, and releasing energy, as well as time for doing homework. Activities may be arranged according to ages, interests, and geared toward varying skill levels. Limited spaces are available and registration is on a first come, first serve basis. For additional information please contact Dana Jackson at (301)891-7281 or DanaJ@takomagov.org. (Recreation)

6. The Badger: On Monday July 16 - a special program about the Russell Hoban picture books featuring Frances the Badger will be presented by dramatist Gretchen Weigel Doughty. Registration encouraged. (Library)

7. ¡Tiempo de círculo español!: Spanish Circle Time with Senora Geiza returns on Thursday, July 19, at 10:30 a.m. (Library)

8. 2011 Homeowner/Renter Tax Credit Applications Due 9/1/12: The State of Maryland's tax credit programs are designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount you must pay in property taxes. To receive the tax credit, an application and all supporting documentation must be sent to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation. Eligibility is based on household income. To obtain further information about the programs and an application, you can call Linda Walker at 301.891.7222 or access it on the state's website, www.dat.state.md.us/datweb/taxcredits.html. (Housing and Community Development)

9. Mission Serve Team Works in Takoma Park: Through a first time partnership that Takoma Park developed with the DC Baptist Convention, the Mission Serve Project went forward during the week of July 2, despite the soaring temperature. Three hundred young volunteers traveled to the city to work on 25 homes, tackling overgrown backyards, repairs to the exteriors, replacement of roofs and the building of assessable ramps. The project was funded by the Community Block Grant Program. Most of the homeowners who benefitted from the project are seniors or disabled residents on fixed incomes. For information on future projects, contact Linda Walker at LindaW@takomagov.org or 301.891.7222. (Housing and Community Development)

10. Pets and Poets - Sunday, July 22: An array of versatile and accomplished musicians and poets (and dogs) have come together for Pets n Poets on Sunday, July 22 to share their creative voice of compassion and to raise funds for The Washington Animal Rescue League. Sunday July 22 at 2 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue. Suggested Donation - \$20. <http://www.facebook.com/events/116655048479096/> (Housing and Community Development)

11. Make Art-Not Landfill / Re-Cycle Your Art Out on Sunday July 29: Join us at the Gazebo in Old Town between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 29 to celebrate Takoma Park's green and creative community. Chat with Mayor Bruce Williams, Recycling Artist-in-Residence Renee Lachman and Public Works Director Daryl Braithwaite. Featuring music by "Cooking with Gas," hands-on art with local recycling artists and Takoma Park's very own TRASHY ART CONTEST! For more information <http://www.facebook.com/events/393826010664573/> (Housing and Community Development)

12. Trashy Art" Contest: Celebrate "Recycle Your Art Out" Day by participating in Takoma Park's "Trashy Art" contest! Anyone and everyone is eligible - encouraged, in fact - to submit an original 2 or 3 dimensional work of "trashy art" made of 100% trash or re-purposed materials. To participate, drop off your "trashy art" at the Gazebo in Old Takoma between 10 a.m. and noon on

Sunday, July 29. A panel of distinguished judges will announce awards - and give out some fantastic prizes - at 12:30 p.m. Now is the time to go through your recycling bin and start creating. This is your opportunity to make a unique artistic and environmentally sustainable statement! <http://www.facebook.com/events/329602540461171/> (Housing and Community Development)

13. Seniors Inter-Generational Trip: Eighteen Takoma Park seniors and grandchildren traveled by Recreation Bus on Friday, July 13, to the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum, Washington, D.C. Everyone enjoyed this educational and entertaining museum. Another fun inter-generational summer trip is planned for next week to the Old Country Buffet in Gaithersburg, Maryland. (Recreation)

14. Cardio Kickboxing Starts a New Session!: On Monday, July 9, Takoma Park Recreation Center began a new session of Cardio Kickboxing. If you are looking for a total body workout and a way to increase your stamina, flexibility and strength, then Cardio Kickboxing is for you. This intense, workout can improve strength, aerobic fitness, flexibility, coordination and balance. This class is a great alternative if you are bored with brisk walks or jogging on a treadmill. Register now and enjoy the workout. Get fit for summer. For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

15. Tai Chi at the Recreation Center: Tai Chi is offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. This class covers the basic principles & concepts. It is effective in restoring balance and calm in our lives. The slow, gentle movements and relaxed breathing harmonize energy and flow in the body. Instructor: Kirk Talbott (senior student of the late Robert W. Smith) For more information contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. (Recreation)

16. Camp Recess Continues to Roll!: On Monday, July 9, Camp Recess began its fourth session. The camp was sold out and the campers had a lot of fun with Fun & Fitness Week. Campers were able to learn different exercises and play a variety of games as well as discuss healthy eating. One of the highlights of the week was making Smoothies (yum). The week wrapped up with a Cook-Out that was sponsored by Capitol Community Soccer Club. (Recreation)

17. Teens on the Move 2012 - Week 1: This week was the first week of Camp for our Teens and it began with a great start! Teens on the Move consisted of getting the teens out of the community center and experiencing outdoor activities. This week's trips included Funland, Smithsonian IMAX theater, paddle boating, Borher Water Park, ice skating, DEA Museum and white water tubing. There are limited spots available in weeks 2 & 3 so register now! For more information please contact the Recreation Department at 301-891-7290. (Recreation)

18. Summer YES League: The summer YES league got off to a great start this week with 14 teams total participating in the 3 different leagues (grades 5-8, high school and young adult). The younger age group plays on Tuesday evenings at the Piney Branch Elementary School while the high school league plays on Wednesday at the new Steve Francis court. Young adults play on Thursday at the Steve Francis court as well. The leagues will continue through early August and culminate with a tournament to crown the champions. (Recreation)

19. Science Explorers Camp: This week the science explorer camp studied face recognition, fingerprints and teeth imprints. By mixing different ingredients they created "mud" and they were able to make their own hardened hand prints. Once the hand prints dried, the science explorers decorated and painted their molds! After listening to a few mystery stories, participants were able to solve them based on the clues they heard in the story. One of their biggest lessons was that you must have a very keen eye and curious mind to be a crime scene investigator. Not only did participants learn about forensics, they also created play dough and made crazy grass hair heads! (Recreation)

20. Camp Takoma - Goes Back Into the Day, 70's Style!: This past week our summer campers took it back to the 70's as they learned how to make disco balls with bright colors and disco fever confetti. The kids also enjoyed making lava lamps out of water bottles, food coloring, oil and salt. Campers really enjoyed making tie dye t-shirts and scarves while adding their own special groovy funkadelic colors. To top it off, campers traveled to the roller skating rink in Crofton, Md where participants had a blast as they skated to the cha-cha slide and the cupid shuffle. Our campers learned how to make their own door decorations with foam string and beads. Don't be surprised when you're kid is singing "know we got the FUNK." (Recreation)

21. Summer Quest Program: Two hundred fifty kids are now enrolled in our Summer Quest summer reading program - a new record and more than our total enrollment for last summer! (Library)

22. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 96 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two vehicle impounds, one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest, and two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CS) arrests from traffic.

During July 6-11, 2012, the following details were completed:

July 6, 2012

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.

July 9, 2012

- Elm Avenue & Devonshire Road (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and two warnings.

July 10, 2012

- 6900 block of New Hampshire Avenue (tag reader) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued six State citations.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Prince George's Avenue & Circle Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Elm Avenue & Devonshire Road (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Garland Avenue & Flower Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

July 11, 2012

- Various locations throughout the City (tag reader) - conducted details throughout the shift and issued five State citations.
 - Garland Avenue & Flower Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.
 - New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued one State citation.
 - Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
 - Elm Avenue & Devonshire Road (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
 - Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- (Police)

23. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Stats for July 9-11, 2012

State Citations issued: 20

Warnings: 5

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Calls for Service: 11

Reports Written: 4

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 2

Court: 2 hours

(Police)